

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below in the complete listing of claims.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the oxidizing agent comprises a preformed peracid compound selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, percarboxylic acid and salts, percarbonic acids and salts, perimidic acids and salts, peroxymonosulfuric acids and salts, and mixtures thereof, a persalt or a peroxide compound.
3. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 2 wherein the oxidizing agent further includes an activator.
4. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 3 wherein the activator is selected from the group consisting of tetraacetylenediamine, sodium octanoyloxybenzene sulfonate, sodium nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate, sodium decanoyloxybenzene sulfonate, (6-octanamido-caproyl)oxybenzenesulfonate, (6-nonanamido-caproyl)oxybenzenesulfonate, 6-decanamido-caproyl)oxybenzenesulfonate, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 4 wherein the activator is tetraacetylenediamine.
6. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 4 wherein the oxidizing agent is selected from the group consisting of perborate compounds, percarbonate compounds, perphosphate compounds and mixtures thereof.
7. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 6 wherein the admixture is at a temperature in the range of 120 to 190 degrees Fahrenheit during the dispensing step.
8. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 7 wherein the admixture is mixed with heated air to further heat the

admixture and further comprising the step of heating the air before the step of mixing the admixture with heated air.

9. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 7 and further comprising the step of heating the admixture inline in a heater between the admixing step and the dispensing step.

10. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 9 wherein the admixture is heated to a temperature in the range of 120 to 150 degrees Fahrenheit within 20 seconds.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the oxidizing agent is selected from the group consisting of perborate compounds, percarbonate compounds, perphosphate compounds and mixtures thereof.

13. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the admixture is at a temperature in the range of 120 to 190 degrees Fahrenheit during the dispensing step.

14. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 13 wherein the admixture is mixed with heated air to heat the admixture and further comprising the step of heating the air before the step of mixing the admixture with heated air.

15. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 13 and further comprising the step of further heating the admixture inline in a heater between the admixing step and the dispensing step.

16. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 15 wherein the admixture is heated to a temperature in the range of 120 to 150 degrees Fahrenheit within 20 seconds.

17. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 13 and further comprising the step of heating the cleaning solution before the admixing step to heat the admixture.

18. (Currently amended) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface in which a fluid carpet or upholstery cleaning solution is dispensed onto the upholstery or carpet surface to be cleaned and the cleaning solution is recovered from the surface with suction, comprising the steps of:

admixing an oxidizing agent with the cleaning solution prior to the step of dispensing the cleaning solution onto the upholstery or carpet surface;

mixing the admixture with heated air to heat the admixture; and

heating the air before the step of mixing ~~with the~~ admixture with heated air.

19. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 and further comprising the step of further heating the admixture inline in a heater between the admixing step and the dispensing step.

20. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 19 wherein the admixture is heated to a temperature in the range of 120 to 190 degrees Fahrenheit within 20 seconds.

21. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface in which a fluid carpet or upholstery cleaning solution is dispensed onto the upholstery or carpet surface to be cleaned and the cleaning solution is recovered from the surface with suction, comprising the steps of:

admixing an oxidizing agent with the cleaning solution prior to the step of dispensing the cleaning solution onto the upholstery or carpet surface; and

heating the cleaning solution before the admixing step to heat the admixture.

22. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the cleaning solution is dispensed through a nozzle onto the surface to be cleaned.

23. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the cleaning solution includes an anionic and/or nonionic surfactant, an anti-soiling agent and an organic solvent.

24. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 23 wherein the anti-soiling agent is selected from the group consisting of polymerized styrene/maleic anhydride, acrylate copolymer, fluoro-chemical compounds and mixtures thereof.
25. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 24 wherein the organic solvent is glycol ether.
26. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 23 wherein the organic solvent is glycol ether.
27. (Original) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 23 wherein the cleaning solution includes a fragrance.
28. (Previously presented) A method for cleaning an upholstery or carpet surface according to claim 21 wherein the admixture is at a temperature well above room temperature during the dispensing step.